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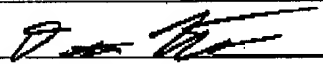
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated May 27, 2004 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 504), for which a response is due August 27, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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